

STIMULUS WATCH: WEEK 14

Stimulus Funds Used to Rehabilitate Homes and Businesses Scheduled to be Demolished

- Picher Housing Authority in Oklahoma received \$135,494 in stimulus money from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) so they could rehabilitate homes and business in the Tar Creek Superfund site which is currently scheduled to be demolished.
- The Tar Creek Superfund is composed of “undermined” homes and businesses. Only 19 of the 54 homes within the site have active water accounts with Picher City. When asked about the funds for the site, Senator James Inhofe (OK) said, “It doesn't make sense to send over \$100,000 up there to a place that we are closing down.” Inhofe has since asked HUD to hold the funds allocated for this particular project.
- Under the House Republican Stimulus Alternative, tax payer dollars would not be spent on an area that is scheduled to be demolished. Instead, Republicans would have created twice as many jobs at half the cost. To learn how visit:
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